

What are the best cities in the world?

1) Warm-up

What makes a good city? Use the prompts below to think of as many ideas as you can.

traffic **museums and art galleries** **population density** **public transport**
history **crime rates** **pollution** **cultural events** **buildings** **green space**

2) Vocabulary

Match the words in red with the definitions in green:

1. Stability	a) To give more importance to
2. Infrastructure	b) Well organized and easy to move around
3. To praise	c) A lot of
4. A survey	d) Things which are calm, peaceful and don't change
5. Connectivity	e) A lot of movement of traffic / people
6. An abundance of	f) With people from lots of different groups / countries
7. Going on	g) There are a lot of people moving around doing things
8. Vibrant	h) Basic facilities in a city, such as transport, power supplies, buildings, etc. which enable the city to function
9. Conservation	i) Happening
10. Hectic	j) Full of life and energy
11. Bustling	k) To find information about a topic by asking people questions
12. To give more weight to	l) To say good things about something
13. Ethnic diversity	m) The practice of saving and protecting old buildings

3) Discussion Questions

What is the biggest city in your country? Is it clean?

Do you live near any skyscrapers? What buildings are they?

What is the most dangerous city you know of?

What is the greenest city in your country?

What cities have you visited as a tourist? Which was your favourite?

Do you prefer modern cities or historical ones?

What city in the world would you most like to visit?

What famous landmarks do you know of? Which cities are they in?

Do people walk much in your home city? How do people usually get around?

What are the best and worst things about living in big cities?

Are there any slums in your country?

How do you think cities will change over the next 100 years?

If you were going to design a city what would you put in it?

What are some fun things to do when visiting a new city?

How many capital cities can you think of?

What 3 adjectives would you use to describe your country's capital city?

What can be done to clean up a polluted city?

Do you know of any cities that have been destroyed? What happened?

What sports teams does your closest city have? Do you support them?

What city have you been to that has a good transportation system?

What are the main industries of your closest city?

What world city do you think has the best food? Clothing? Museums?

Is there a city you don't like or never want to visit?